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Moving out

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

Faculty offices and equipment are being moved out of the PEC in preparation for the demolition of the PEC and Knights Gymnasium. Knights Gym closes to all users Feb. 27, and the PEC closes March 3. Demolition of the PEC is scheduled to begin March 9.

According to John Wuertz, director of the physical plant, faculty offices have already been moved to their temporary locations. Offices are now located in Players Theatre, Vogel Library and the lower levels of Founders and the Student Center. Faculty and staff will stay in the temporary offices until the new wellness center is ready in September 2007.

Now that offices are moved their temporary sites, workers are concentrating on moving equipment and other facilities to their new locations.

"Right now we are working on items we are going to

keep such as lockers, basketball backboards [and] wrestling mats," Wuertz said.

Cardiovascular equipment will move to common areas in residence halls, and the wrestling practice room will move to the main floor of Players Theatre. The weight room equipment will move to 922 W. Bremer, the old Becker Annex. Equipment that does not fit there will be put into storage.

Certain classes that meet in the PEC will also be moved during construction of the wellness center. Ann Arns, chair of physical education, said the PE 100 classes will meet in Players Theatre. Although the location for the class will change, Arns said the curriculum should remain the same.

"There will be some differences from the way things have been done in the past and some inconveniences, but [it] should not be a big deal for those classes that are not movement oriented," Arns said. "[We're] still not sure what to do with the PE methods course but will

have to figure that one out by next fall."

Teams that normally practice in the PEC will also make adjustments. Jennifer Walker, head volleyball coach and lecturer in physical education, said the volleyball team will practice at W-SR Junior High and compete at the high school.

"This is going to be an adjustment for everybody," Walker said. "But it will only be for one year, and in the end we will have a wonderful facility that will be unmatched by any other NCAA Div. III institution."

Before construction of the wellness center can begin, Wuertz said there needs to be demolition of some surrounding buildings, including two apartment buildings, two houses and the Football and Baseball annex. Wuertz said they will be torn down in May.

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PEC / Knights Gym Equipment Moving and Demolition Notice

Feb. 15

Removal of Lockers Began

Week of Feb. 20

Training Room Office Moved

Feb. 22

Moving of Weight Room Equipment to
Old Becker Annex Begins

Feb. 27

Knights Gym Closes to All Users
Demolition Begins on Gym
West Gym Parking Lot Closes

March 1

Moving of Cardiovascular Equipment to
Selected Residence Halls Begins

March 3

PEC Closes to All Users

March 9

Parking Lot West of Library Closes

Senate runoff Tuesday

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

A runoff election on Tuesday will decide the winners of the 2006-07 president/vice president and treasurer positions following close results in last week's general election.

Two votes separated the top presidential tickets of juniors Eva Sersland/Jon Palmquist and Erin Moran/Erin Wright. Because candidates need a 50 percent majority plus one vote to win, the tickets will go head-to-head in Tuesday's runoff.

Of the 855 students who voted in the election for student body president and vice president, Sersland/Palmquist received 228 votes (26.66 percent) while Moran/Wright received 226 (26.43 percent).

With 205 votes (23.97 percent), juniors Scott Kempel and Katie Jo Kuhens finished third. Junior Justin Harken and sophomore

Eric Benson finished fourth with 196 votes (22.92 percent).

One vote separated the top candidates in the race for student body treasurer. With 209 and 208 of the 796 total votes, respectively, junior Brian Borchers and freshman Jodi Kempel will be in the runoff election. Sophomore Elizabeth Hancock received 190 votes and sophomore Lana Stahov finished fourth with 188.

Junior Amanda Pullin won as the sole candidate in the race for student body recorder with 776 of 793 votes.

Despite a 45-minute period during community time when eVote was offline, student body vice president senior Ashley Weets said that the results are "still completely accurate." Though students could not vote during that time, she said no votes cast before that time were lost.

"We don't actually know what happened," Weets said. She speculates it may

be because too many students were logging on at one time.

Weets said Tuesday's runoff election will still run via eVote. She said she is "not too concerned about it" but has already been in contact with ITS to make improvements for next year.

"We're going to work together to either fix eVote or build something completely new," Weets said.

Students can vote for 24 hours beginning Tuesday at midnight. Election results will be available shortly after the polls close. Weets said she will send an e-mail to all students once she has notified the candidates.

If students have problems with eVote, Weets said "the best thing to do is just keep trying to log in." If that fails, students can e-mail her at Ashley.Weets@wartburg.edu.

"I'll make sure their vote counts," she said.

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Freshman Ryan DeSanti, junior Tom Parks and sophomore Tina Irvin serenade students in the Mensa on Valentine's Day for the Savannah service trip.

Peeling the Orange

Part two of a three-part series on Commission Wartburg

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Wartburg's invisible council

By COREY HELLAND
Columnist

Every student at Wartburg College lives and dies by the Honor Code. OK, maybe that's a little extreme, but the ever-elusive Honor Code defines the academic integrity of the college. Even if you didn't sign the Honor Book at the Knighting Ceremony during freshman orientation, you are still required to abide by the code. No matter what course you're taking, you'll notice that the syllabus will mention that the students in the course must "follow the Honor Code."



Knight Writer

But what exactly is the definition of this code? The Honor Code is not merely a simple sentence. Instead, it reads as follows: "As a matter of personal commitment, students, faculty and staff of Wartburg are expected to demonstrate three simple principles:

- All work submitted must be your own.
- When using the work of others, including fellow students, give full credit through accurate citations.
- If a student is uncertain about the ground

rules on a particular assignment, ask for clarification."

Technically, the Honor Code is enforced by the faculty and the administration. There is, however, another group that enters the equation: the Honor Council.

Prior to last week's article in the Trumpet regarding the Honor Council, I had never heard of such a group. Most likely that's because the council doesn't have any real power. In other words, though the main purpose of the Honor Council is to make a recommendation to faculty in cases of academic dishonesty, all the council members can do is recommend the course of action. And that's only if the faculty member refers the case to the council. Either way, the faculty member in question still has the authority to make whatever judgment call he or she decides is appropriate.

In six years, only one case has been heard by the council.

Dr. Kevin Fiene, the academic advisor to the Honor Council, sees the definition of power in a different way. "The Honor Council certainly has responsibility to promote academic honesty at Wartburg, a responsibility that has great power," said Fiene.

Likewise, Dr. Ferol Menzel, dean of faculty, believes that the council is still vital to Wartburg. "It is very important that students provide leadership in this academic endeavor and continue

to hold up the responsibility for academic honesty," Menzel said.

If the Honor Council is so crucial for the students' academic honesty, why then is it hidden from the student population? The one place the Honor Council and the Honor Code should have a prominent place is the student handbook. Yet, neither is mentioned anywhere in the handbook. This is most certainly puzzling.

The faculty and administration believe in the Honor Code and uphold the Honor Code. The Honor Council believes in the Honor Code and "promotes academic honesty." I'm not sure what promoting academic honesty even means. I haven't seen any academic honesty campaigns or posters around the campus. The only literature I could find on the council (i.e. pamphlets) was hidden in a cabinet in the Student Senate office.

If the Honor Council is so intent on making Wartburg a more academically honest institution, it seems that the administration could give the council more influence in the cases of cheating and plagiarism, or the council could even just make a more public attempt at promoting good, honest homework and testing practices. Right now, though, the Honor Council is about as useful to the college as the Konditorei would be if it didn't have any coffee.

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Join together as a community of faith

By JEREMY PEDERSEN
Columnist

Coming to Wartburg almost four years ago, I was excited by the appearance of a dynamic community of faith on campus. However, over these last four years, I have sadly seen our community become divided.



Such divisions have especially been seen with dropping worship attendance at chapel and Eucharist. More disturbingly, instead of coming together and openly discussing the causes of issues such as this, the students seem to just complain and separate themselves from the greater campus community. Indeed, I learned last week that some students have even started a Bible study during chapel time.

Now, while some incredible ministries occur on campus, such splintering of Christians on campus can be potentially devastating.

This splintering is evidence of a deeper problem: an extremely narrow definition of a Christian among those on campus. This is especially seen in how the various Christian communities interact with each other. For example, I, a religion major planning to eventually attend seminary to become a pastor, was once asked questions like "Why are you a religion major?" and "What do you think of Jesus?"

While appearing to be innocent, these questions, from my own experience, are usually followed by rhetoric that includes language such as "dedicating your life to Jesus." In short, the way these implicitly loaded questions were proposed to me suggested that this person did not even think I was a fellow Christian by that person's narrow definition.

However, expressing faith in Christ includes more than narrow definitions like "dedicating your life to Jesus." Indeed, on this campus, there is an incredible diversity of voices of Christian faith. Some see faith as highly emotional and express their faith through avenues such as music and drama.

Others see faith as intellectual and express faith through scholarship and learning. Still others see faith as serving for justice in God's creation and would express faith through advocacy and service. While all profess Jesus as Lord and worship the God of heaven and earth, each of these approaches to faith worships God in a distinctly different way.

For the Christian community at Wartburg to thrive, it must include students that practice all of the approaches to faith. Put differently, a house of faith that is continuously splintered like now at Wartburg cannot stand. With the community of Christians on campus complain-

ing about worship and narrowing the definition of who can be a Christian, it loses its common focus on living out the faith as the hands and feet of Christ. However, if we can go beyond our differences and recognize each other as children of God, we can then work together using our distinct God-given gifts for the glory of God.

Now, as we prepare for Spiritual Emphasis Week, let this be our communal prayer. Let us prayerfully come together in order to overcome our constant bickering and blaming. Let us see other Christians beyond our own narrow definitions. Let us come together so as one community we can focus on our common mission. Let the entire Christian community on campus come together as the body of Christ in order to serve our ever-amazing miraculous God. Then we could see that God is indeed bigger than our wildest dreams.

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Letter to the Editor

Editor:

I read the "Looking back at Commission Wartburg" article from the front page of the Feb. 13 Trumpet and was surprised that the Science Center was not listed as one of projects completed in the past six years as a result of the commission and campaign. Many faculty, students and staff are happy to work and learn in this new facility, and I am one of them.

Julie Paladino
Science Lab Supervisor

Staff Editorial:

Value diverse coverage

Last Tuesday, Wartburg students took to the electronic polls and were asked to choose their newspaper preference: either the New York Times or the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Unlike the narrow margins among the Senate executive elections, the New York Times clearly topped the Cedar Rapids Gazette, 372 votes to 222.

Comparing the New York Times, a national newspaper with a circulation of 1,126,190, to the Cedar Rapids Gazette, a local newspaper with a circulation of 64,062 is a true apples-to-oranges scenario. With its in-depth, up-to-date coverage and current event analysis, the New York Times provides Wartburg students with the most complete coverage of the two national newspapers that are offered.

The USA Today Readership Program's consumption report for Wartburg showed that 11 percent of the newspapers picked up by students is the New York Times, compared to the Courier at 33 percent, the Des Moines Register at 32 percent and USA Today at 24 percent.

No matter what the popularity of these newspapers, each serves a different vital purpose. The Courier provides local coverage of northeast Iowa, the Des Moines Register covers statewide issues, USA Today contains eye-catching, brief national coverage and the New York Times offers in-depth reporting on national and world issues. This diversity of publications is what makes the college readership program a valuable asset to students, whether they choose to use it or not.

Now Senate plans to evaluate the readership program as a whole. It will ask students to rank newspapers in the order they prefer and said it will continue to provide two national and two local newspapers. Senate should be commended for recognizing the importance of providing balanced coverage. Local news has an important role, but we also need to continue to support the quality, hard-hitting, detailed dissemination of information that the New York Times provides. The importance of this newspaper extends beyond the many classes where it is required reading and into the lives of students hoping to become informed on national and world issues.



• Thanks for the many years of memories, Knights Gym.

• The exec team candidates should have attended the student forum on Sunday.

• What's the point of Olympic ice dancing, anyway?

• Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make Unified Sports Day a success.

Write to trumpet@wartburg.edu to contribute to Blow Your Horn.

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New York Times to stay

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

Following an eVote poll conducted by Student Senate last week, the New York Times will remain one of the four newspapers available in residence halls.

The poll asked students to "choose a newspaper of preference," either the New York Times or Cedar Rapids Gazette. Students could also respond "don't care." Of 594 respondents, 372 students (62.62 percent) voted for the Times, while 222 (37.37 percent) voted for the Gazette.

Results from a recent consumption report from the USA Today Readership Program prompted Senate to evaluate the program choices.

Those who deliver the readership program newspapers monitor the number of papers consumed each day. The program also adjusts the number of papers delivered on a daily basis to avoid wasting papers. The consumption numbers are also provided to Senate.

The most recent consumption report showed that 11 percent of the newspapers picked up by Wartburg students is the New York Times. At 33 percent, the Courier is the newspaper most often picked up, followed by the Des Moines Register at 32 percent and USA Today at 24 percent.

"We just wanted to make sure that [the New York Times] is something students wanted," administrative ombudsman junior Amanda Pullin said. With a large population of students from the Cedar Rapids area, Pullin said the Gazette was selected as a possible alternative to the Times.

Pullin had received the consumption report just two days before the Senate executive elections and said the poll was rushed in order to be available on eVote with the elections. Since eVote does not allow for scaled responses, she was concerned the poll required students to choose one or the other.

Pullin said the interest in the New York

Times does not rule out the 38 percent of students who prefer the Gazette. She said Senate may have looked too quickly at the New York Times and will now look at reevaluating the program as a whole.

"Now we see there are people who want the Cedar Rapids Gazette," Pullin said. "Our next approach to the whole program is actually rating all of the papers and specifically looking at the Des Moines Register, Courier and Gazette."

She said there can only be four papers in the program due to costs and the safety hazard created by adding additional newspaper racks.

After seeing the poll results and getting feedback from senators, Pullin said Senate now wants to keep two local papers and two national papers in the program.

Instead of using eVote, Pullin wants students to rank the papers and provide more in-depth

Newspaper Survey Results

"Choose a newspaper of your preference..."

New York Times 372 students
(62.62 percent)

Cedar Rapids Gazette 222 students
(37.37 percent)

A total of 594 students responded.
Students could also choose to respond "don't care."

Results from an eVote poll conducted Feb. 14 by Student Senate.

responses by using an online survey conducted through Survey Monkey. She expects the survey will take place around winter break.

Pullin said Senate is also looking into creating a faculty readership program that would make newspapers available in academic buildings.

Because the student program is funded with a \$10 student fee, newspapers have been limited to residence halls and not available to faculty

in academic buildings.

"Faculty don't pay for [the newspapers]; the students pay for them," Pullin said. According to Pullin, a faculty program would allow faculty to choose "whatever four papers they want."

"I'm not sure what the response rate is going to be for [a faculty program]," Pullin said. "I'm hoping it's positive."

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Gov. Ray receives Graven award

By SARAH GUHL
News Editor

Former Iowa Gov. Robert Ray will receive the Graven Award

at the convocation at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Neumann Auditorium. Ray is the 17th recipient of the award and was nominated by Dr. Fred Waldstein.



Gov. Robert Ray

The Graven Award was started by Judge Henry and Helen Graven and is given to a person "whose life is nurtured and guided by a strong sense of Christian calling and who is making a significant contribution to community, church and society."

"Gov. Ray is one of the best

examples of a public servant when he spent five terms as governor," Janeen Stewart, assistant to the president, said. "After that, he was a business person."

Ray has also continued to work in the community, living in Des Moines with his wife, Billie. Billie will attend, along with Stan and Mavis Graven of the Graven family.

Ray's speech will be titled "Does Character Count?" and he is expected to speak about his work with the Character Counts program, as the current chair of the Institute for Character Development.

Ray feels it is important to give back, for your own sake.

"If I contribute to the community in which I live, it should be better," Ray said. "You're a lot happier when you give than when you receive."

While on campus, Professor Emeritus Grant Price will interview Ray for the Oral History Project. Price and Dr. Jeff Stein will also give him a tour of the Archives of Iowa Broadcasting. The Oral History Project was started 12 years ago by Price and has evolved into the archives.

"We're working on a project that will be done in May 2006," Stein said. "That project is the history of the Blackhawk Broadcasting Company, which is most well known for channel 7 [KWWL-TV]. The company was well known for giving back to Waterloo and Cedar Falls. We want him to comment on the importance of the company in the lives of Iowans during the time he was governor."

On top of being a lawyer and a governor, Ray was also a broadcaster.

"He has also been a station

owner, which is something a lot of people don't think of," Stein said. "He owned radio stations, including WMT in Cedar Rapids." Ray was also a commentator for University of Iowa football games.

"I'm looking forward to going to Wartburg and Waverly," Ray said, "because I think it is a very good community and a great school."

While Ray graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, he is familiar with Wartburg.

"I've been to Wartburg," he said, "and I feel like I'm a friend of Simon Estes. I know Jack Ohle [from his time at Drake]. I have a good feeling about Wartburg."

The convocation is free and open to the public.

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Black History Month Fact

Garrett Morgan:

Morgan (1877-1963) was an African-American inventor and businessman. He was the first person to patent a traffic signal. He also developed the gas mask and used it to rescue miners trapped in a noxious mine. After that, he was asked to produce the masks for the U.S. Army.

Information provided by BSU

Knights want to Know

Q: Which is better, Apples or PCs?

A: Apples for graphic design, PCs for everything else.

Q: Did Waverly set a record low temperature last week?

A: Saturday's low of -19 beat the previous low of -18 from 1936. Friday's low of -10 did not beat 1958's mark of -18.

Q: When was Robert Ray governor of Iowa?

A: 1969-1983. He was an advocate of the nickel deposit on aluminum cans, according to www.wikipedia.org.

Send your burning questions to
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY

Leadership and Service Award Applications are available in the Student Life office. These applications are a chance for students and faculty to nominate students or student organizations for their outstanding commitment to leadership or service to the college. Applications are due Friday. The awards will be presented at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25.

FOOTBALL COACH TO SPEAK AT CHAPEL

Coach Ed Thomas, 2005 National Football League High School Coach of the Year, will speak Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This free event is sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

LOOKING FOR A CAREER OR INTERNSHIP?

Student Senate and the Center for Community Engagement will host a Winter Term Career and Internship Fair from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Heritage and St. Elizabeth ballrooms.

REGISTRATION BOOKLETS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2006-07 class registration information booklet is now available outside the Registrar's office in Luther Hall. Students should view the course schedule online by accessing Course Search on my.wartburg or iNet.

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ROMANS 6:11

Wartburg College Spiritual Emphasis Week

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

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| Wednesday | 9:30 p.m. | Chapel | Eucharist by Worship Arts |
| Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | Chapel | FCA speaker Ed Thomas |
| Friday | 8:30 p.m. | Cardinal Commons | Coffee House |
| Sunday | 8 p.m. | Players Theatre | "The Gate" |
| | 4:30 p.m. | PEC | Take the Bleachers out with Habitat for Humanity |
| Feb. 27 | 7:30 p.m. | Lyceum | Alli Rogers |
| Feb. 28 | 8 p.m. | Hub | Peanut Butter and Jesus with Faith Alive |
| March 1 | 10 p.m. | Chapel | Ash Wednesday Chapel |
| March 3 | | Chapel | Service Trip Commissioning Service |

The focus of this year's Spiritual Emphasis Week is "the journey of finding purpose and meaning in life" and life in Christ as the only source of true life.

This week is centered around Christ's death as a way to live without everyday worries and focus on what God wants people to do.

Spiritual Emphasis Week begins Wednesday and ends Friday, March 3.

AIDS quilt panels to be displayed

By SNEHA PRADHAN
Staff Writer

This week Wartburg will observe AIDS Awareness Week with a series of events including the display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The college will display panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which commemorates individuals who have died from AIDS.

"The reason for doing AIDS Awareness Week is if you look at statistics and facts from the Center for Disease Control, different AIDS organizations the startling thing is that the number of people infected in the age range of about 18 to 24, which college students fall within. The number of cases reported each year in that population is on the rise," Rob Anderson, assistant director of Residential Life, said.

"Students are not practicing safe sex; they're not using responsible choices and making good decisions when it comes to sexual activity and therefore they're at greater risk of being infected with the HIV virus, and that's my main reason for bringing this program to Wartburg," Anderson said.

Panels from the AIDS memorial quilt can be viewed in Neumann

Auditorium Tuesday from 1 to 10 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 10 p.m. Appointments can also be made to observe the quilt by calling 352-8553.

Each panel on the AIDS Memorial Quilt commemorates a person who has died from the disease. The quilt has more than 44,000 panels and has not been displayed in its entirety since 1996 because of its large dimensions.

Another highlight of AIDS Awareness Week is Voices from the Quilt, a theatrical event adapted from the book "The Quilt: Stories from the Names Project." Voices from the Quilt tells the stories of friends, family members and lovers who have lost a loved one to AIDS.

The letters received with the panels created for those commemorated are weaved together to "create a touching reflection." The letters will be read by faculty, staff and students acting as the characters. It will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Neumann Auditorium.

Other events include tonight's Night of Hope: An Evening of Prayer and Remembrance. On Tuesday Living with AIDS: The Cold Hard Truth, an intimate discussion with members of the Cedar Valley com-

munity with AIDS will take place.

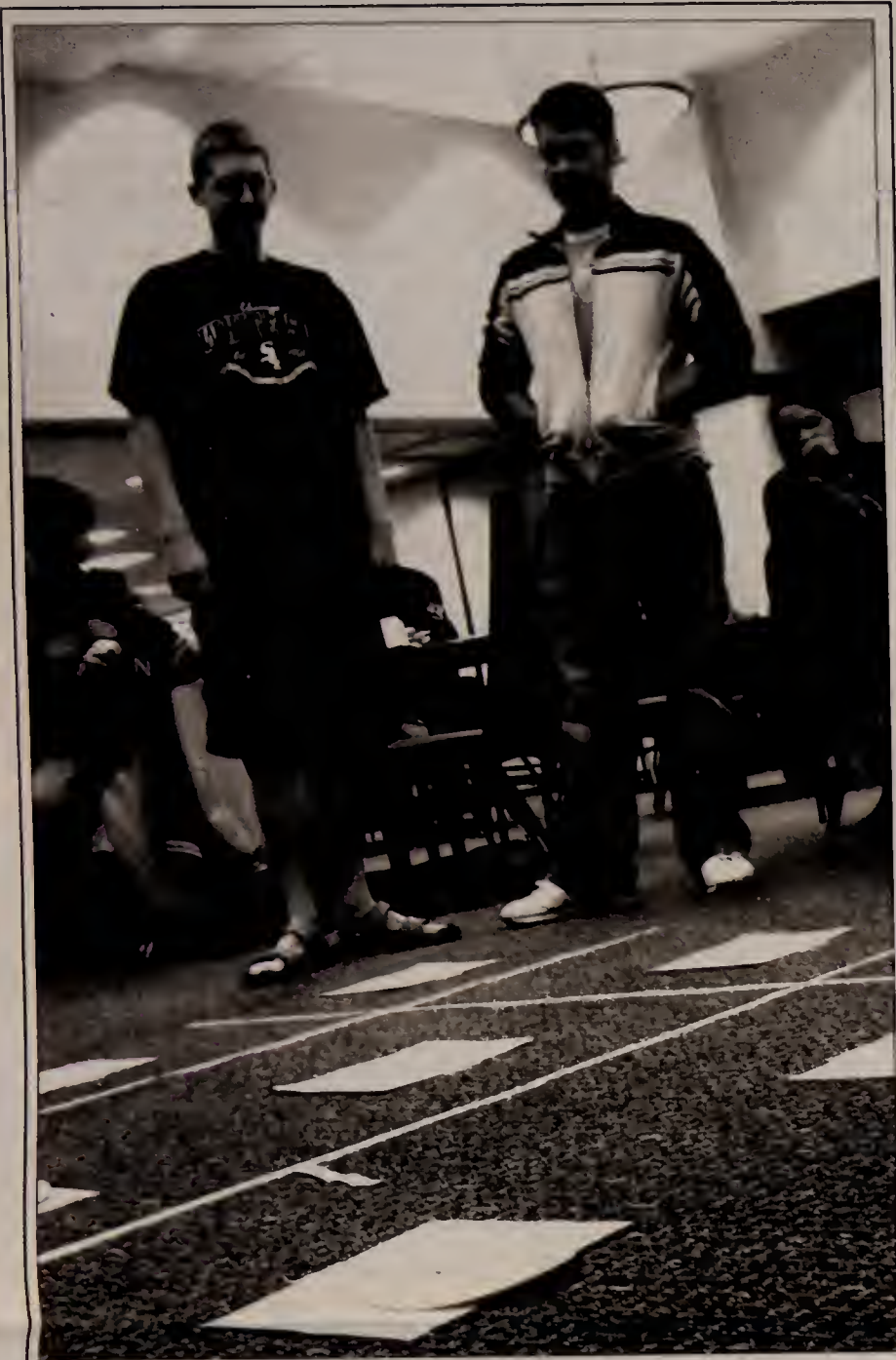
A brown-bag lunch focusing on the AIDS pandemic and its effect on the global community will take place Wednesday.

"I have got full support from many people on the faculty, from other departments on campus," Anderson said. "There has been a lot of interest and support from the faculty, staff and administration to really push involvement by students so that they are becoming educated and aware of the AIDS epidemic," Anderson said.

AIDS Awareness Week was originally scheduled to take place at the end of November around World Aids Day, which is observed on Dec. 1 each year. However, the activities could not be carried out due to time conflicts and had to be put on hold for an alternate time.

"It is something that we need to continue to be educated on and it needs to always be on the forefront because the minute that we forget about the risks and the effects of AIDS, that's when we start seeing continued increase of diagnosis and rising cases reported," Anderson said.

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Sarah Jones/TRUMPET

Juniors David Neal and Alberto Lazo-Hume play Sex-Tac-Toe as part of last week's Sexual Responsibility Week events sponsored by AWARE.

Finances provide base for Commission goals

By ALAN SIMMER
Assistant News Editor

Money makes the world go round. This was no different with Commission Wartburg. In order for the recommendations of the Commission to become a reality, a price tag needed to be placed on the proposals of the eight task force teams.

After the Board of Regents ranked the recommendations produced by Commission Wartburg, President Jack Ohle's Cabinet assigned dollar amounts to them. The total cost of implementing everything the task forces came up with would have been about \$191 million.

The Cabinet eliminated all of the third-tier and lower recommendations and reduced the cost of some others to arrive at the goal for Campaign Wartburg, \$88 million. Of this amount, \$40.85 million was to go to the endowment, \$40.15 million to the construction of new facilities and \$7 million to the Annual Fund, according to a Harvard Graduate School of Education study on Campaign Wartburg.

Dave Ostrander, vice president for institutional advancement, noted that funding the college is like a three-legged stool, made up of the endowment, the Annual Fund and major gifts. Without any one component, the college would have a hard time operating.

The development office raises "one million per year for the budget via the Annual Fund," Ostrander said. Without this funding, tuition would have to be increased to offset the deficit in funds.

Ostrander organized several individuals into a fundraising network to generate donations. The Board of Regents decided that 25 percent of the total goal should be donated by the Board itself. To date,

Campaign Wartburg has raised \$83.7 million. It has "helped to fund a variety of things," Rich Seggerman, chief business officer, said.

However, Ostrander noted that almost \$43 million of these funds are in the form of deferred gifts. These gifts vary in form. Some donors put Wartburg in their wills, others establish trusts and annuities for the college and some make the institution a beneficiary of an insurance policy.

Wartburg will not receive any of these funds until the donor's death. "There's no way of knowing when these gifts will come," Ostrander said.

More than 90 percent of these gifts are slated to go toward the endowment. One of Commission Wartburg's goals has been to increase the endowment to \$50 million before 2005 and to \$100 million by 2010. When all current deferred gifts are received, the endowment will be about \$80 million, but it currently sits at more than \$36 million, according to Ostrander. Until these deferred gifts are received, Wartburg is only earning interest on the \$36 million currently in the fund.

Because of the large amount of deferred gifts, much of the construction around campus has been financed through the sale of bonds. Investors purchase the bonds and receive interest from the college, which is referred to as debt service.

The college has a set of bonds worth \$50 million that were sold for the expressed purposes of building the Science Center and Student Center as stated on Wartburg's Tax Form 990. The bonds were sold using the entire campus as collateral.

Fitch Ratings recently assigned a BBB-bond rating to the \$50 million series. This rating is an indication of how good an investment these bonds are. AAA is the highest rating and anything rated BB or

below is considered a junk bond. A BBB rating is a step above BB. The minus sign after the BBB indicates that Wartburg's bonds lean toward a BB rating rather than an A rating.

Fitch cited Wartburg's high debt burden as one of its main concerns in assigning this rating. Out of Wartburg's unrestricted revenues, 8.7 percent of those funds go toward covering debt service. The median amount for an institution with a BBB rating is 4.9 percent.

According to the financial statements in the Fitch analysis, Wartburg's operating margins and unrestricted net assets were negative three of the last six years. Operating margins represent the difference between revenues and operating expenses as a percent of revenues. Fitch does not include assets released from restriction for capital improvements or unrealized investment gains or losses in this calculation.

Fitch viewed Wartburg's consistent history of fundraising as a positive in its rating. The college's continually increasing enrollment was also seen as a plus, since 83.7 percent of revenue comes from student tuition and fees. Wartburg also has a higher liquidity level at 64.3 percent than the median at 40 percent.

Dr. Scott Fullwiler, assistant professor of economics, clarified what these bond ratings mean. "If things don't go the way [a business] wanted them to, it would be hard to raise more debt," he said. "The more debt you have, and the lower the rating, the harder it is to get more debt." For the college, that means being "more likely to be affected by bad business conditions."

Ohle is not concerned about the bond rating or the financial position of the col-

lege. "It's never been stronger," he said.

Dr. A. Frank Thompson, professor of finance at UNI, had a more negative view of the bond ratings and the financial situation in general. "The perspective I have, for well-run businesses, anytime you get above 30 percent debt leverage, solvency may be impaired," he said. Thompson also mentioned that the large increase in debt was a concern and that "outside markets recog-

nized that by rating Wartburg BBB-."

Negative operating margins also gave Thompson pause. Wartburg is "generating expenses very above what [they] have in the way of revenues, and that's a big danger," Thompson said.

Wartburg has also sold another set of bonds worth \$35 million to fund the construction of the new wellness center. According to Ohle, these bonds were not rated because Wartburg did not ask for them to be. He also said that it is common for colleges to have unrated bonds.

Thompson said unrated bonds can mean "serious financial difficulties on the horizon." He said the investing community typically sees unrated bonds as a sign that the institution holding them deems them "to be less than investment grade" and doesn't want to get a low rating.

"There's a lot of investors who are legally prohibited from investing in [junk bonds]," Fullwiler said.

Ohle said Wartburg won't need to incur more debt because there won't be any more construction in the foreseeable future. "We're done," he said.

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Peeling the Orange
Part of a three-part series

Athletes unite despite differences

By KRYSTAL FOWLER
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The final annual Unified Sports Day to be held in the PEC took place Saturday. It was one of the last activities to take place in the gym before demolition begins and construction starts on the new wellness center.

There was a large turnout, with about 180 athletes registered to participate in the day of games, crafts and friendship. The number of student volunteers was almost as large, with around 100 students signing up to be team captains and team members.

Opening ceremonies began at 9 a.m. with President Jack Ohle speaking to the crowd and sophomore Megan Hendricks singing the national anthem.

Even though Unified Sports Day is an annual event, to the people who participate every year, it is more than just a day of games and crafts. It is a day to experience something new, both for the athletes involved and the student volunteers.

Angie Baer and Dee Grimm work for Comprehensive Systems in Osage, a group home. They brought 14 residents to Unified Sports Day and were moved by the amount of enthusiasm students showed while working with their clients.

"I just think it's great how the students get involved in the teams. A lot of times, people don't like to work with special needs people," Baer said.

Sophomore Tamara Eagles was a first-

time volunteer at the event. She was part of the Pink Flowers team.

"I wasn't really sure what it would be like going in, but they were just so excited to be there. I like the fact that there weren't any rules," Eagles said.

Eagles was inspired to help by watching her sister, who has disabilities due to cancer early in her childhood, attend a camp for special needs kids.

"The sports were adapted so kids with the health problems that come with cancer could do it. I think this is the same case," Eagles said.

Unified Sports Day isn't just for kids though. It is for all ages and ability levels.

"We used to go to the Special Olympics in Forest City, but it's outside and some of our residents are older. We started coming here two years ago, and our residents love it," Baer said.

Members of the steering committee are in charge of organization, including recruiting volunteers, planning the day and finding game materials. They also work closely with Kathy Irving, the Special Olympics Iowa event director and the Waverly Kiwanis Club, which provides



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Unified Sports Day volunteer Kyle Nikkel helps a young athlete practice tee off during Saturday's event.

the majority of funding for the event and provides T-shirts for all participants.

Junior Laura Pirkel, a member of this year's steering committee, thinks that working at Unified Sports Day is something that students look forward to each year.

"I think once students do it, they're hooked. It's just a really fun learning experience for everyone," Pirkel said.

Even though the PEC won't be here next year, Unified Sports Day will be. Currently, the committee is looking for a nearby location to play host to the event next year.

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Drama and music present "The Magic Flute"

By ERICA SWANSON
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The opera workshop is coming. This year, the music and drama departments are collaborating to present Mozart's "The Magic Flute." Wartburg Choir director Dr. Paul Torkelson and music professor Dr. Soo Yeon Kim direct music matters, including rehearsal coaching, while professor of communication arts Dr. William Earl deals with staging, making costumes and constructing scenery.

The cooperation began in 2002, when Earl, Kim and former faculty member Dr. David Katz negotiated a deal to mount operas in even-numbered years and musicals in odd-numbered years. According to Kim, "It has been one of the most successful collaborations between the music and drama departments."

They decided to start with a selection of opera scenes in the spring of 2002. The next year, "Pirates of Penzance" graced the stage in Neumann Auditorium, followed by two one-act operas in 2004 and "The Music Man" in 2005.

According to Earl, "The difference between operas and musicals is a matter of scale." The opera workshops are smaller, but both productions are challenging in their own ways.

"They all have their problems. They're all doable and

they're all impossible," Earl said.

This year, the professors decided to try something more difficult. Kim chose "The Magic Flute," and she chose the opera "because it's such a musical masterpiece and a lot more challenging.... It can really enhance a student's ability."

Kim has also performed both of the lead female roles professionally, so she feels that there is insight that only she can give. Another goal is to enhance students' understanding of how music connects to drama.

"The Magic Flute" is vocally complex and contains one of the most challenging arias ever written. It is the last opera that Mozart wrote, and there are rumors that the Masons had him killed because "The Magic Flute" reveals the secrets of the Temple.

The basic plot is not terribly complicated. Tamino, the handsome Egyptian prince must save Pamina, daughter of the Queen of the Night, who has been stolen by Sarastro, head of the temple. When he reaches the temple, he discovers that Sarastro is actually a good guy, and he goes on a quest for enlightenment. The opera is a melodrama. There are comedic elements in it, but according to Earl, "Tamino's story is serious but not too serious."

Although Wartburg's production does not include the entire opera, the part of a narrator is added to transition between scenes smoothly. About 30 minutes of the opera,

mostly large ensemble pieces, were cut, and it will be sung in English rather than the original German.

"The Magic Flute" will be performed in the Lyceum, the first time this venue will be used for the opera workshop. The scenery is massive, with pyramid-tipped pillars and arches looming more than 12 feet overhead. Besides serving theatrical purposes, these structures also amplify and reflect sound in the acoustically challenged Lyceum. The numerous flat surfaces will bounce the singers' voices throughout the space instead of muffling them in the curtains. A piano and two flutes will accompany the singers, rather than a full-scale orchestra.

Drama and music students participate in the opera, in addition to students of other majors. Auditions were in October, and students have been rehearsing steadily since the later part of last semester. "We do what we have to do to make it happen," Earl said.

Attendance for the performances grows each year, with a substantially larger turnout for the musicals than the operas. "It is amazing how in such a few short years it has grown to become an integral part of the music department," Kim said.

"The Magic Flute" will be performed in the Lyceum at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are free and can be reserved at the information desk.

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Now in Theaters



"Date Movie"
20th Century Fox

Overview: From some of the writers of "Scary Movie" comes this attack on the romantic comedy genre.

The Good: From the look of the trailers, it continues the format that worked in "Scary Movie" by translating it to the romantic comedy genre, so fans of those films will find plenty to love.

The Bad: If you aren't up on pop culture and romantic movies, a lot of the references will probably pass you by.

The Verdict: If you're in for some twisted laughs at the expense of a genre that needs a reboot, this could be what you're looking for.



"Eight Below"
Disney

Overview: A film about the survival of several sled dogs for six months in Antarctica after they're left due to unforeseen events.

The Good: Disney does a good job of adapting true stories and turning a good profit with them.

The Bad: Look for Jason Biggs to be the unfunny comic relief. It is also a movie about sled dogs, which seems to be an overdone genre recently ("Snow Dogs," anyone?).

The Verdict: While one "American Pie" star looks to be starring in a winner ("Date Movie"), another looks like he could be involved in a real stinker.

Now available on DVD



"Saw II"
Lionsgate DVD
SRP: \$19.98

Overview: Jigsaw looks to be up to the same antics that made the original horror film such a great success almost two years ago.

The Good: If you're a fan of the violent and twisted mind games Jigsaw played in the original, this film continues that tradition.

The Bad: This film isn't for everyone, and probably shouldn't be viewed by those who have a weak stomach for overly violent films.

The Verdict: You should only see this film if you loved the original.



"Proof"
Buena Vista Home Entertainment,
DVD SRP: \$21.98

Overview: Explores the realms between sanity and genius. This drama stars Gwyneth Paltrow

and Anthony Hopkins.

The Good: An all-star cast leads off this drama, including Paltrow, Hopkins and Oscar contender Jake Gyllenhaal.

The Bad: Most people don't recall this film being in theaters, as its box-office take was less than \$10 million.

The Verdict: The film's subject matter and solid performances make it worth a rental.

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—By Entertainment Columnist Nathan Countryman

Women rout Rams, end season with win

By ABBY SHOWALTER
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team put it all together to end its season with a bang and to send off Knights Gymnasium with a proper farewell.

Wartburg ended a nine game losing streak with a 62-44 victory over Cornell on Saturday to end an adversity-filled season with triumph.

Heading into Saturday's game, the women were looking to end the season strong.

"It would be nice to go out with a win," interim head coach Kathy Franken said. "The team's had good attitudes the whole time."

The Knights started off sluggish in front of a packed gym and found themselves down 19-6 only nine minutes into the game. A strong

team defensive effort and key points by junior captain Jessica Kugler and sophomore Megan Hendricks turned things around to tie the score by halftime.

Wartburg wasn't done yet and came out for an impressive second half, outscoring the Rams by 18 points. Sophomore Elizabeth Campbell led all scorers with 19. Hendricks was close behind, finishing with a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Wednesday, the Knights were in action at Buena Vista and suffered a 92-74 loss on the road.

Wartburg held a short-lived lead at the beginning of the game, but Beaver player Katie McGuire quickly took over and scored a dominant 27 points for the game.

The Knights struggled all game and were down by as much as 29 during the second half. However, the team didn't give up and fought back to come within 16 with 2:29 to go, but the comeback effort wasn't good enough to boost Wartburg.

Coach Franken was proud of what the women were able to overcome this season.

"The team stuck together and was really cohesive. We always improved and never lost sight of our goals," Franken said.

The Knights concluded the 2005-06 season with a 17-7 overall record and were 4-12 in the IIAC. Overall in Knights Gym, the women were 213-88.

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Junior Laura Pirkle puts up a short jumper against Cornell Saturday. The Knights took down the Rams, 62-44, to snap a nine-game losing streak and end the season on a winning note.

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Celebration held for Knights Gym

By AARON HAGEN
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In the past half-century, Wartburg College has made many changes. One aspect that remained a constant on campus has been Knights Gymnasium. Saturday, players, coaches and fans said good bye to Knights Gym for the last time.

Before the program that featured current and former coaches

and players, the Wartburg basketball teams left the gym on a positive note, as both teams defeated Cornell in the final regular season games in the building.

While many shared memories of Knights Gym, one common theme ran through the evening: The crowd and atmosphere was what made the place special.

"I cannot think of a better atmosphere to play basketball in," Kathy Franken, women's interim

head coach and all-time leading scorer in school history, said.

While Saturday marked the last regular season home game, it will not be the last time Knights Gym will be used. This week will host at least one more game as the Wartburg men qualified for the Iowa Conference tournament.

"I really liked the crowd and the great support we had [Saturday]," head men's basketball coach Dick Peth said. "I am

looking forward to the same great support next week."

In the coming months, Knights Gym and the PEC will be demolished to make room for the new wellness center. The wellness center is planned to be nearly 200,000 square feet and will be home to an indoor pool, and a 200-meter track as well as aerobic and weight training rooms.

For next year, when Knights Gym is no longer and the new

wellness center is being built, new locations will be found for sporting events and offices. At the moment, the offices that were in Knights Gym have been relocated to other areas of campus.

Tentative plans are set for volleyball matches and wrestling meets to stay in Waverly, while home basketball games will be played in the West Gym at UNI.

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Struggles continue for men's tennis team

By JOSIAH BRANDT
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Facing the reigning Midwest Conference Champions, the 2006 Knights tennis team fell 7-0 to the Pioneers of Grinnell.

With Wartburg tennis still looking for their first win of the season, Grinnell proved to be a tough opponent.

"Grinnell has been consistently at the top of their conference for the past couple of years. They have a pretty solid line up and some very, very good dou-

bles teams," head coach Jim Willis said.

One bright spot for the Knights came in an exhibition match at No. 8 where sophomore John Barnes battled his opponent to a 9-7 defeat.

Though the season hasn't started the way the Knights would have liked, the team has been improving each week and is eager to continue playing.

"Eventually things are going to start clicking," Willis said. "Some of our doubles teams haven't played together a lot, and

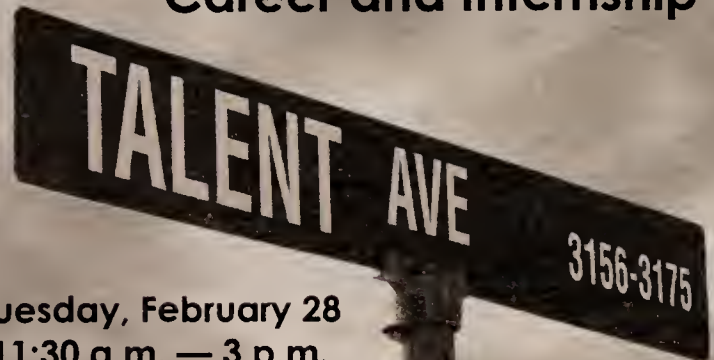
some of the guys are still getting used to the level of tennis.

"I think once we get a little more experience under our belts, settle down, and get some confidence in our games, we'll improve tremendously."

The Knights travel to Monmouth, Ill., for a double dual with Monmouth College and Quincy College Saturday. The Monmouth dual starts at 12 p.m., and the Quincy dual starts at 3 p.m.

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Men win last game, gain No. 2 seed

By AARON HAGEN
Assistant Sports Editor

It was an up and down week for the Wartburg men's basketball team. The Knights lost at Buena Vista before returning home and sending Knights Gymnasium out in style with a win over Cornell.

With Saturday's game against Cornell the last regular season game and the last game in Knights Gym, head coach Dick Peth started five seniors, and the team responded by starting with a 12-2 run to open the game.

"It was great," senior Joel Formanek said of starting the game. "We've been through this program for four years, and it's meant a lot to us to play together. I really enjoyed it, and it will probably be the last time we'll get to start together."

Cornell hung around for much of the first half, getting the deficit down to six points, but was never able to get any closer as the Knights held a 42-29 advantage at half.

The second half was more solid Wartburg offense. Senior Jason Steege, who did not miss a shot in the second half, started the half with a 3-pointer to increase the Knights' lead to 16. A layup by junior Nick Gullickson later in the half pushed the lead to more than 20 and the Knights would end up with a 22-point victory, 88-66.

"I think the biggest thing is that it was the last home game in the regular season in Knights Gym," Peth said. "With all the success that Wartburg has had through the years, it's nice to go out with a commanding win."

"I thought we played really well as a team and we shared the ball well," Formanek said. "We had a stretch in the second half where we let them have a run, but we kept it over 10 points. We stayed in the game and stayed up."

Steege led the Knights with 26 points, including four of six from beyond the arc. Those four 3-pointers give him 217 on his career and set a new all-time record in Wartburg history.

"It's a great accomplishment. The guy that held it before, Pat Morrison, was a great basket-

ball player here," Steege said of the record. "I'll look back on it and I'll reflect on it and it's nice to have. It's for somebody else to shoot at now. It's a little bit higher for someone else to go at."

Coach Peth sees the offense as one of the keys to victory.

"From an offensive standpoint, I thought our guys did a tremendous job with our shot selection," Peth said. "I thought we were in a flow for the entire game offensively and we did a great job of sharing the ball."

Senior Nate Schmidt scored 20 points on eight of 12 shooting. Senior Cassidy Peterson was also in double figures with 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Wednesday at BV, Wartburg started with an early lead, but it was short-lived as the Beavers took a lead with just under 10 minutes left in the first half. A 7-0 run in the final two minutes of the first half gave B.V. a 39-28 lead.

Two quick Beaver baskets pushed the lead to 15 early in the second half. The Knights fought back, and a layup by Schmidt tied the game at 60 with just less than five minutes left. Wartburg was trailing by three with a minute left but could not get a score on two separate possessions and lost 68-65.

Schmidt led all scorers with 28 points, while senior Rance Cartmill and Gullickson were the only other Knights in double figures as they each scored 10 points.

Wartburg finishes the regular season with a 19-5 record overall and a 12-4 record in the Iowa Conference. The Knights earned a share of the regular season conference title, the 21st conference title in school history.

Due to tiebreakers, Wartburg is the second seed in the tournament and will host the winner of the Buena Vista and Luther game Thursday at 7 p.m. The winner of Thursday's game will play for the conference championship Saturday hosted by the school with the highest seed. The time of Saturday's game will be announced later.

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Senior Jason Steege goes up for two against Cornell Saturday.

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Tracksters aim to keep IIAC streaks alive

By ADAM HARRINGA
Sports Writer

There is one word more than any other that describes the atmosphere at Iowa Conference track and field meets: intense. Senior Noah Wendland has experienced the feeling first hand.

"The pressure is higher, and there's a lot more excitement," Wendland said. "It's a fun environment. The energy from every school and the crowd is electric."

The 2006 conference meet will be hosted by Buena Vista in Storm Lake this weekend. Neither the senior men nor women have lost an IIAC indoor meet. With a win

this weekend, it would be four straight titles for the men and seven straight titles for the women.

"It would be a great feeling to win every conference title in our career," senior Josh Hauser said.

Hauser, the defending IIAC Indoor MVP, is one of four senior men to compete in all three winning efforts.

"For the group of seniors it would be an amazing feat," Hauser said.

The women's accomplishments are not limited to winning six straight conference titles; they have dominated the Iowa Conference. The last three years, the women have won by an average of 57

points over the second place team.

"Our goal going into conference is to completely dominate," senior Jill Robertson said. "We would like to win as many events as possible. However, we need to have our best indoor meet of the year to do this."

On the men's side, one of the reasons for the dominance is the distance team. Last year in the six distance events, the Knights scored 48 more points than the next closest team. This year, they look to improve upon those numbers.

"We're looking really strong," senior Scott Cross said. "This is probably the best team we've ever had. It'll be fun to see

where everyone places."

In fact, the Wartburg men have at least four runners in the top eight in every distance event. However, only three can compete in each event at the conference meet, which is a problem for the Knights in other events as well.

Storm Lake was also the site of the 2003 indoor championships, making a win this weekend even more fitting. The seniors will have the opportunity to finish their conference domination where it began - at Buena Vista.

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Senior 141-pounder Dustin Hinschberger works against Buena Vista's Mitch Jones. Hinschberger won his third IAC championship. **SPORTS INFORMATION**

Knights cruise to 14th consecutive IAC title

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Sports Editor

Amazing. Dominant. Incredible.

None of these words accurately describe the Wartburg wrestling team's run to its 14th consecutive Iowa Conference title in Pella Thursday.

The only word that fits is historic. The Knights set a new IAC tournament record, racking up 208 team points while crowning eight individual champions and sending nine wrestlers to nationals.

"It's a record—eight champs," head coach Jim Miller, who was named Coach of the Year, said. "I'm just glad to be here and be a part of it."

The biggest surprise of the night was No. 2-ranked sophomore Jacob Naig's upset of defending champion Matt Pyle of Luther. Naig took a 9-4 decision, garnering him the Outstanding Wrestler award.

"It's kind of nice to have," Naig said of the award. "It's a big confidence builder. It feels good to have it."

Top-ranked senior Tyler Hubbard started the night at 125 pounds with a 6-3 victory over Luther's Nate Hansen. The win gave Hubbard his second IAC title. Last year he won at 133 pounds.

"I think it's really important," Hubbard said of getting the team rolling. "I think in all of our big matches this year, especially at the National Duals and Augsburg's dual, it really gets us going."

Wartburg's only misstep in the championship round came at 133 pounds, where freshman Zach McKray lost 3-2 to Luther's No. 1-ranked Mike Lopez. The loss was only the third on the day for Wartburg. The Knights won their next



Wartburg tied an IAC tourney record with eight individual champions in Pella Thursday. **SPORTS INFORMATION**

seven matches in a row. No. 1-ranked senior 141-pounder Dustin Hinschberger collected his third consecutive IAC title, becoming the first to do so since Wartburg alum Tom Smith won at 126 pounds from 1995-97. Hinschberger dominated No. 2-ranked Dustin Brewer of Simpson, 10-0.

Naig then followed with his big win over Pyle. Naig entered the third period down 2-0, but used a four-point move to propel him to the victory.

"It brings a lot of confidence," Naig said. "I've got the ball rolling now. Hopefully I can just keep it going. It really counts in two weeks."

"He just beat the national champion," Miller said. "He hadn't beat him before, so that's a big step and something we've been pointing toward."

The mat at Kuyper Gymnasium finally saw a break from Wartburg at 157 pounds, where Loras' Brad Bishop won 2-0 over Nate Van Dyke of Luther. Wartburg sophomore Justin Hanson took fifth place.

Senior 165-pounder Dustin Bliven got Wartburg going again, defeating fourth-ranked Cole Williams of Dubuque 5-2.

At 174 pounds, second-ranked senior Scott Kauffman won his second IAC title in emphatic fashion, pinning Cody Downing of Simpson in 1:41. No. 3-ranked senior Akeem Carter followed with an 8-0 major decision of Loras' Mitch Hager, joining Hinschberger as a three-time IAC champion.

"Dropping weight, losing weight, trying to maintain that, that was probably the hardest thing ever," said Carter, who won his first two titles at 197 pounds. "Coming into this tournament, I felt like it was a big change condition wise. But mentally I was ready."

The second fall in the championship round came from No. 1-ranked junior T.J. Miller at 197 pounds, who pinned Coe's Mike McCabe in 1:32.

Top-ranked Blake Gillis won his third IAC championship at 285 pounds with a 15-0

technical fall over John Miller of Luther in 5:33.

Despite only advancing nine to nationals, Miller was happy with the team overall.

"I do feel good just because our kids wrestled well. We hate leaving someone home. But we have nine outstanding guys going to Nationals. So we'll take it and go with it."

Wartburg now shifts its focus to the national tournament in Ewing, N.J., March 3 and 4.

"We're just aiming for that number one spot," Naig said. "We're just working on everybody performing. Hopefully it'll just come to us."

"When we as a team come together they say it's like a family," Carter said. "But I feel like if we were to go somewhere and we needed each other to help each other out, we as a team are like an army. I feel like we go off each other. That's what I like about our team."

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Rich Rites

PLEASE, STEVE, GO HOME

I'd like to dedicate this column to a very special person—Mike Davis.

Mr. Davis, you have given an old cynic hope. Your recent resignation from Indiana may have just saved a state. Not only emotionally, but monetarily as well.

Which forces me to do something I never thought I'd ever find myself doing—begging Steve Alford to do me a favor.

Mr. Alford, I beseech you, take the Indiana job. It's sitting out there, like the apple on the tree of wisdom. Just take it and you'll be a god. Pay no attention to the fact that you'll be banned from the garden of Iowa forever.

I know, Iowa is great. Ever since Field of Dreams was released, people have been comparing Iowa to heaven. But doesn't Indiana truly sound like the land of milk and honey?



Richard Podhajsky
Sports Editor

I mean, Mike Davis said it, the Indiana basketball program needs an Indiana guy. You were born there, you were named Indiana's Mr. Basketball as a high school senior and I don't even need to mention what you did as a player for the Hoosiers. Who's more of an Indiana guy than you?

And the pay, well the pay would be great. I know, I know, right now Mike Davis' base salary is less than yours. But whoever said we Iowans were economics experts? And I'm sure Indiana will be willing to rise to our level if needed.

And base pay isn't everything, Steve. If you compare the outside bonus money, you both make roughly \$800,000 per year. And trust me, that money goes a lot further in Bloomington than in Iowa City.

Plus, just look at the recruiting base you would have at Indiana. If I had a choice of where to play basketball, I'd go to the school that not only has won Big Ten titles, but national championships, as well. It's only natural.

And now you don't have to worry about following in Bobby Knight's shadow. Mike Davis did such a good job of getting the Indiana fan-base mad at him that people don't even remember why Bob Knight was fired. Maybe they remember, but Bob Knight never lost a championship game, so everything's even.

Which brings about another point; you can't possibly do anything worse than your predecessors. Mike Davis lost too much, leading Indiana out into the wilderness of the NIT. And Bob Knight treated his players like they were cheap, red sweaters. How could you go below those expectations?

But the main reason you need to take the Indiana job, Steve, is to set the state of Iowa free. We withstood some of your early growing pains and were overjoyed when you went to the NCAA tournament in 2001. And an NIT berth every now and then is OK at Iowa. But three in a row? That's a little much.

And that token NCAA appearance last year was nice, but if you don't leave now, then when? You are in position to win the Big Ten, make the NCAA tournament and possibly win a game. You need to jump ship while the mutiny has subsided.

I am a man of few requests, Mr. Alford. I just want you to simply do what is natural and go home.

Please, Steve, ease my pain.

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